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R 060505Z MAR 74
FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7742
INFO AMEMBASSY SUVA
CINCPAC HI
GOV AMERICAN SAMOA PAGO PAGO

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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO NEW ZEALAND OF AMBASSADOR SELDEN

REF: VANDIVIER/MORRISSY TELECON

1. FOL REFTELECON HOWARD LANGE, VANCE HALL,
PHIL VANDIVIER AND I STUDIED THE SCHEDULES AND GIVEN
THE DEARTH OF AIRLINE FLIGHTS IN THE AREA, PARTICULARLY
IN AND OUT OF TONGA, A FOUR DAY EASTER WEEKEND, DURING
WHICH NO BUSINESS CAN BE TRANSACTED, AND THE CONSTRAINTS
ESTABLISHED BY DATES ON WHICH AMBASSADOR SELDEN IS TO
PRESENT CREDENTIALS WE RECOMMEND THAT WESTERN SAMOA
BE BY-PASSED AND AMBASSADOR SELDEN PLAN TO RETURN
TO APIA AND PAGO PAGO IN EARLY MAY TO PRESENT
CREDENTIALS IN WESTERN SAMOA AND CALL ON GOVERNOR
HAYDON IN PAGO PAGO. WE SUGGEST THE FOL SCHEDULE:

LEAVE HONOLULU SAT. APRIL 6 1325 CP-301

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ARRIVE NANDI SUN. APRIL 7 1750

LEAVE NANDI TUES. APRIL 9 0715 FJ-122/400

ARRIVE TONGA 1110

LEAVE TONGA FRI. APRIL 12 1300 FJ-403/129

ARRIVE SUVA 1410

LEAVE SUVA SAT. APRIL 20 1030 FJ-404

ARRIVE NANDI 1100

LEAVE NANDI 1200 TE -539

ARRIVE AUCKLAND 1455

LEAVE AUCKLAND TUES. APRIL 23 1440 NAC-459

ARRIVE WELLINGTON 1520

2. UPON ARRIVAL IN NANDI, THE AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY COULD BE MET BY CAR AND DRIVER AND DRIVEN TO FIJIAN HOTEL, A RESORT APPROX ONE AND A HALF (1 1/2) HOURS FRON NANDI AND RETURN LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON, OVERNIGHT IN NANDI IN ORDER TO CATCH THE FLIGHT TO TONGA TUESDAY MORNING OR WEEKEND COULD BE SPENT IN RESORT HOTEL AT NANDI. VANCE HALL WOULD BOARD THE TONGA FLIGHT WHEN THE PLANE STOPS AT SUVA ENROUTE. UPON ARRIVAL IN SUVA FROM TONGA ON GOOD FRIDAY, AMBASSADOR AND FAMILY COULD BE DRIVEN TO BEACHCOMBER HOTEL, ABOUT THIRTY MILES FROM SUVA, AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL MONDAY OR TUESDAY.

3. TONGA HAS INDICATED THAT CREDENTIALS CAN BE PRESENTED ANYTIME DURING WEEK OF APRIL 8. AN EXACT DATE WILL BE CONFIRMED AFTER VANCE HALL RETURNS TO SUVA FROM WELLINGTON. THE DATE IN FIJI IS APRIL 17 AND IN AUCKLAND APRIL 22. SINCE AIRLINE BOOKINGS ARE VERY TIGHT IN THE AREA, ESPECIALLY AT EASTERTIME, WE RECOMMEND EARLY ACTION IN REQUESTING RESERVATONS.
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